

Art Unit: 1796

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Tun on 10/17/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Paragraph 1:

- 1) after "10/727,232, filed December 2, 2003" please insert ", now abandoned,"
- 2) after "10/278,491, filed October 22, 2002" please insert ", now abandoned,".
- 3) after "09/856,599, filed July 16, 2001," please inert "now US 6,670,438,".
- 4) after "10/478,118, filed September 11, 2002," please insert "pending,".

In Paragraph 19:

- 1) after "09/856,599" (both instances) please insert "now US 6,670,438,".

This amendment merely updates the status of the parent applications.

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In claim 24, please delete the parenthesis " " prior to "polymer networks".

2. The Examiner would like to clarify and stress that the silsesquioxane and poly-organosiloxane products of claims 45 and 46 must have at least a metallo-oxane unit therein since claim 24 only allows for the preparation of Si containing products in the form of a mixed poly(silicon/metallo)oxane.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 571-272-1090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.